

Violin Makers Association of Arizona International

dedicated to the art of building string instruments



The Violin Makers Association of Arizona International (VMAAI) is a non-profit, educational organization founded, in 1958, to encourage and develop the art of violin making. The oldest violin making association in the United States, VMAAI now boasts members from many states, and a number of foreign countries. Violin makers, both accomplished and novice, and others interested in the art, are encouraged to join and participate in the various activities of the group. The group is governed by a Board elected by the members at the annual Convention and Competition according to Bylaws voted on by the members.

Annual Convention and Competition



The VMAAI holds an annual Convention and Competition in Tucson, Arizona during October of each year. Daily presentations cover various topics with an emphasis on providing information useful to violin makers of skill levels ranging from beginner to accomplished. Competition tone judging is done by professional string players. Workmanship judging is done by a professional violin maker with extensive experience both violin making and judging international competitions. It is the only competition where the makers have the opportunity to hear their instruments being played. The judges are generous in speaking to contestants concerning their evaluations.



As well as having a chance to hear their instruments played in competition, members enjoy the chance to talk shop with like minded friends.



Activities include an Open House, where the community is invited to view and play

instruments on display, and a Banquet, which includes an auction of donated articles, and entertainment by talented members.

The VMAAI Journal

The **VMAAI Journal** is a bimonthly publication dedicated to keeping members informed about Association activities and providing informative, how-to-do-it articles on various aspects of violin making. Members are encouraged to submit material concerning unusual techniques that might be helpful to others as well as articles on the history of violin making. It is included in membership fees, and is received by e mail.

VMAAI Web Site

The VMAAI web site is regularly updated and can supply information regarding whom to contact, dates of the convention, winners of the recent competitions, current judges and links to pertinent information. www.vmaai.org

Membership Application

Membership is open to anyone interested in the art of violin making, whether an actual maker or not.

Annual dues are \$35.00 and are paid for the physical year starting October-Sept.

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